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X The undersigned hereby declares that "Attorney Docket No. 1257-116P" on page 1 of the attached inventors' Declaration corresponds to Application Serial No. 09/131,385 filed August 7, 1998 entitled "Water Soluble Prodrugs of Hindered Alcohols".

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___ Attached is a copy of Form PTO-1533.

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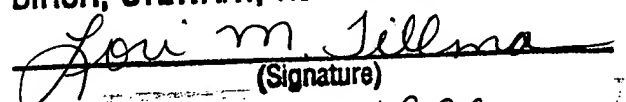
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